

TRUTH AND FICTION.

How Certain Novelists Have Mixed the Two in Their Portraits.

The method of certain novelists seems to be to take a single facet of the character of some one they know, group around it other traits collected elsewhere and then substantiate and personify the whole, says the Manchester Guardian. They give it legs to stand on and a mouth to talk with. They put a hat on its head and a cane in its hand, and then—who shall say that Harold Skimpole is Leigh Hunt? Others again transfer the character bodily. That was James Payn's practice. In one of those delightful volumes in which he admits us into his library workshop he tells us that he found most of his characters among his acquaintances. The person represented, he assures us, never recognizes his own portrait. But then his friends do, so sundry expedients to put people off the scent have to be adopted. If the original is tall he is pictured as short; if dark, as fair. Indeed Payn recommends the keeping of a list of dramatic personae, with the real names placed opposite the fictitious ones, to keep the novelist in mind as he works.

Sometimes, when the original is a public person, a writer of fiction will transfer him to his page without much disguise and much to the gratification of the reader. Who is not charmed to meet, in Meredith, Leslie Stephen in the "Egotist," Mrs. Norton in "Dinna," La Salle in the "Tragic Comedians" and Robert Louis Stevenson in "The Amazing Marriage?" Alphonse Daudet's practice in such cases was less genial. "It was a constant and growing tendency," says Saintsbury, speaking in a recent book of Daudet, "to drag in royal persons and especially royal persons in scandalous aspects. Morny himself and other not too immaculate members of the imperial entourage appeared in 'Le Nabab.' The characters of 'Les Rois en Exil' were as obviously divers ill starred and not always well behaved refugees, from the king and queen of Naples downward. Numa Roumestan was Gambetta almost without concealment. The sordid hero and heroine of 'L'Immortel' were fully identified with an academic personage of a former generation and his wife."

Terse and Truthful.

A despairing debt collector decided the other day to corner his quarry at the bar of a prominent hotel in the presence of a number of his friends, thinking that by this ruse he would so embarrass his man that he would either get his money in rage or a promise in mortification. Advancing gently, he tapped the debtor on the shoulder and said:

"Pardon me, Mr. —. When are you going to pay that small amount you owe my firm?"

The debtor spun around on his heel and glared.

"I'm no prophet!" he roared.

The debt collector retired amid roars of laughter. — New York Times.

Did He Please Her?

The man who thought he had the knack of saying pleasant things calculated to warm the cockles of the oldest heart was revisiting the town in which he had spent a summer twenty years before.

"I'm Miss M. I don't know that you recall me," said a coquettish elderly spinster, approaching him in the postoffice the day after his arrival.

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- 10 "March of the Flower Girls" Wachs
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Miss Leah Losley
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Disenchanted.

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"Well," her friend replied, "I suppose we are all doomed to these disenchanting experiences. We have only to become acquainted with a man to discover that he is not the god we had supposed him to be."

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